

CANNON REVERSES
RULES COMMITTEE

Sustains Point of Mr. Mann and Refuses Consideration to a Special Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 24.—The unusual spectacle of the Committee on Rules being overruled by its chairman, the Speaker, on the floor of the House of Representatives was witnessed in that body to-day, much to the discomfort of Mr. Dabzell, a member of the committee. Mr. Dabzell brought in a resolution providing for an investigation of the committee on the Southern States. Mr. Mann, Illinois, objected that the report was not privileged.

"The Committee on Rules reported it," responded Mr. Dabzell.

"Oh," drawled out Mr. Mann, "the Committee on Rules cannot make anything." And he added that in his opinion the Committee on Rules had nothing to do with the proposition anyway, as it directed an investigation and did not relate to the organization of the House.

Speaker Cannon sustained Mr. Mann, who suggested to Mr. Dabzell that he should not object to unanimous consent.

"I won't ask for it," replied Mr. Dabzell, with a show of petulance.

Mr. Dabzell insisted that the matter was privileged, because it was a report from a committee, but the Speaker adhered to his ruling.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, sought to secure unanimous consent for the consideration of the resolution, but at the suggestion of Mr. Dabzell it was recommitted.

The army appropriation bill, carrying \$5,007,566, was taken up. After Mr. Hull, of Iowa, had explained its provisions, Mr. Sladen, of Texas, criticized "the enormous extravagance for the military establishment," while Mr. Holliday, of Indiana, pleaded for increased pay for the enlisted men of the army.

Other speeches were delivered by Mr. Hamilton, Iowa, who favored tariff revision, and by Mr. Washburn, Massachusetts, in favor of removing the restrictions of the Sherman anti-trust law regarding organizations of merchants in certain cases.

Ocean Mail Subsidy.

Ocean mail subsidy and currency legislation both were the subjects of speeches in the Senate. Senator Gallinger opened the debate in favor of his bill for ocean mail subsidy to build up an American merchant marine, and he was followed by Senator Depew, who strongly approved the measure.

Senators Simmons, of North Carolina, and Whyte, of Maryland, spoke in criticism of the Aldrich currency bill. Senator Whyte announcing that he would not vote for any measure now before the Senate.

Simmons on Aldrich Bill.

Senator Simmons stated that he had received estimates from twelve to fifteen bankers of North Carolina on the cost of issuing the emergency currency provided in the bill, and taking into consideration the interest and other necessary charges, they concluded that the entire cost would be between 5 and 6 per cent. He believed the cost would be between 9 and 10 per cent, and could not be loaned profitably at less than 10 or 15 per cent interest, he said.

He would not be profitable to the banks of the South, which have need for all their money for loaning purposes.

"The panic through which we have passed," said Mr. Simmons, "did not create the demand for more money for the agriculturists. It simply emphasized it. No panic will be due to the ordinary course of events for many years to come. The present demand is not for money to stay a panic, but to supply extraordinary demand which require each autumn and winter about \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000 in spot cash to enable the farmers of the country to harvest and market their crops."

Mr. Simmons took up the bill in detail and criticized it for its provisions. "It is folly to talk," he said, "about the government going in the banking business. It is in the banking business now, up to its armpits."

CRIMINAL CODE BILL PASSED BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 24.—The bill to revise the criminal code of the United States was passed by the Committee of the Whole, and the Senate to-day, and was ordered to be printed with amendments so that it might be put upon its passage. An amendment proposed by the Post-Office Department prohibiting the sending of postal-cards with "disgraceful" matter displayed on them through the mails was voted down. Senator Bailey said some people are "disgraceful" by those that do not "disgrace" other people, and he thought the word placed too many restrictions on the mail service.

MASSACHUSETTS GETS MEDALS FOR EXHIBIT AT JAMESTOWN

BOSTON, MASS., February 24.—The board of Massachusetts Exposition managers for Massachusetts received word to-day that the State of Massachusetts has been awarded the gold medal for the general exhibit of work shown in the Massachusetts Building at the exposition. The award was made for the exhibit of photographs, statistics, charts and literature relating to State boards and institutions. The jury of award had previously awarded this State the gold medal for the colonial loan exhibit shown in the History Building of the Exposition.

For Divorce and Damages.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., February 24.—Mrs. Joseph Stern to-day entered suit in the Law and Chancery Court for a separation and alimony from Joseph Stern, and \$5,000 damages of Rosena Kelly, alleging the alienation of her husband's affections.

A week or ten days ago, on a warrant sworn out by his son, J. Stern, and Rosena Kelly were arrested on Bank Street, and when tried in the Police Court a statutory offense, were fined \$250.

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AMUSEMENTS

Academy—Gay. New York.

Bijou—Dark. New York.

The audience at the Academy last night was evidently in a humorous mood at the beginning, and was not to be put out of humor, even by "The Mayor of Tokio." Everything caused a laugh, and if ever there was an opportunity of ringing in Joe Miller's Jest Book, last night was the time.

John Kearney wasn't the funniest comedian that could have been chosen for the part of Marcus Orlando Kidder, but he landed with the audience a good many times before the final curtain. He got more than enough laughs to entitle him to his salary. Peter Gillespie, the song book boy; Will H. White, Mayor, and Royall Catter, the Russian spy, each had a part in keeping the audience merry. The audience manifested an inclination to hear Mr. Gillespie sing, but his part afforded him that opportunity only to a limited extent. The chorus was about up to the average in size and attractiveness. The finale of the first act was quite pretty, the electric light effect adding much to the picture.

"Gay New York."

"Gay New York," the musical comedy that has already a Bijou record to its credit, packed that playhouse to the doors last night. Henry Emerson and his bunch of comedians, to say nothing of the chorus, did some smart work and sent everybody away with smiling faces. The "Hinky-Dee" song received no less than a dozen encores, and Emerson and the chorus were certainly made to work overtime in rendering this number. It looked as if the song would continue indefinitely at one time, but by clever manipulation the audience was at last held off, and the action of the piece was allowed to continue. Miss Hilda Hawthorne was the Florizel, and was quite satisfactory in the role.

"Gay New York" bids fair to prove as big a winner this week as did the production of "Lena Rivers."

MADAME CALVE IN NORFOLK.

She and Her Associates Delight a Large

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., February 24.—Soldom have Norfolk theatre-goers been treated to a real flow of music which equaled that of Madame Calve and her associates at the Academy of Music to-night. The house had its capacity of Norfolk's most fashionable music lovers. Madame Calve, of course, was the chief attraction, but her assistants, M. DeCruz, M. D'Aubigny and Mlle. Renee Chent, were equally applauded and were generous in their encores.

Madame Calve is most fascinating. Her notes ring from her throat with an apparent effort. It is impossible to describe the deliciousness of her melody. When in response to an encore she sang "Dixie" with adorable accent the audience stormed, and she replied with "The Old Folks at Home," which was the signal for another generous outburst.

The second act from "Carmen," with Calve in that role and D'Aubigny as Don Jose, is as pretty a glimpse into grand opera as could be wished. The piquancy of Carmen is never better brought out than when Calve plays it, and D'Aubigny as Jose is pleasing. Mlle. Renee Chent is an artistic violinist.

CALL UPON THE BANKS

Secretary Cortelyou Directs Them to Send in Part of United States Funds.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 24.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day announced a call upon national banks for approximately 25 per cent of the public funds now held in inactive depositories where the deposit is \$100,000 or more, or in excess thereof, and where such withdrawals can be made without inconvenience to the Treasury Department in the transaction of public business. Under the call approximately \$35,000,000 will be returned to the Treasury, and the call will be made as follows: Ten per cent of the amount called on or before March 10th, and the remaining 15 per cent on or before March 25th.

Secretary Cortelyou stated that advances from all portions of the country are to the effect that this proportion of the national banks can be withdrawn without detriment to financial conditions in any section.

HAZERS HAVE TO WITHDRAW

Two Have Done So and Two Others Are on Probation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALPHIGH, N. C., February 24.—The senior class of the Agricultural and Mechanical College reports that two men have been required to withdraw from the college because they were implicated in the recent sensational hazing affair, and two others are on probation pending the result of further investigation.

They appeal to the people of the State that all have been done in the matter, and that the college is a safe place for a student, and that it is impossible for the occurrence of any more severe or brutal hazing.

KEEP THAW IN ASYLUM

Head of New York Board of Lunacy Regards Him as Paranoiac.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, N. Y., February 24.—Harry K. Thaw is doomed to spend the rest of his life in an asylum for the insane. Alienists who have examined and observed him since he was committed to Matteawan Asylum as a paranoiac, and as a paranoiac is a progressive disease, it would appear that nothing short of a miracle can intervene to secure his freedom.

Dr. Ferris, head of the State Board of Lunacy, who testified at the first Thaw trial that he was insane, is of the opinion now, and says Thaw is a dangerous lunatic. The opinion that Thaw suffers from the form of insanity was gained soon after his arrival at Matteawan Asylum and continued observation has served to strengthen it. It now appears that Thaw will spend the remainder of his days in an asylum.

Broke Into Stable.

Charles Howard (colored) was arrested last night on a warrant issued by the State of New York for breaking into a stable and stealing a horse. The warrant was sworn out by Frank Gray, who was part of the stable as a groom. Another negro is implicated in the affair, but he has not yet been captured.

PARDONED MAN IN
STRAIGHT PATH

Ex-Prisoners' Aid Society to Hold Second Annual Meeting To-Morrow.

The Ex-Prisoners' Aid Society of Virginia will hold its second annual meeting in the News Leader Building to-morrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. All who contribute to the support of the organization are members of it, and are invited to attend this meeting and to hear reports of the year's work from the president, superintendent and treasurer.

The object of the society is important to the State at large. The work during the two years of its existence has been exceedingly gratifying to the dozen leading citizens of Richmond who compose the board of managers, and it is safe to say that the reports of President Burnett Lewis and Superintendent Geo. H. Wiley will be interesting to all who may attend.

Among many cases it will be shown that a young man pardoned by the Governor within the past year came from the penitentiary with the superintendent, and through the help of the society is to-day earning for his family \$125 per month in a Western city, with prospects of rapid promotion.

HE BETS ON ROOSEVELT

Senator Bourne Willing to Put Up \$1,000 That He Will Be Named Again.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 24.—Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, and Senator Bourne, of Oregon, met at the White House to-day.

"The President will not be renominated," said Senator Elkins. "There is no use of your wasting any more time in that direction."

"I will bet you \$1,000 that Roosevelt will be named by the Chicago convention," rejoined Mr. Bourne.

"I will not bet," replied Elkins, "but," he added, "if I thought you had that amount of money on you I would throw you down and take it away from you."

TRY TO SINK THE LAKE

Torpedo Boat Built at Newport News Damaged by Letting in Salt Water.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., February 24.—Simon Lake, president of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, to-day gave out the following statement:

"An attempt has been made to sink the submarine torpedo boat Lake. Sea water was let into the interior of the boat by opening four valves. Her condition was discovered before she had entirely sunk. The loss is \$22,000 to her storage batteries, which were damaged by salt water that flooded the battery deck. There is no insurance. The vessel was being turned up for inspection to the Navy Department for a test. Detectives are at work on the case. This is the second attempt to wreck Lake submarines."

Mr. Lake has declined to give out any further information. It has been learned, however, that the alleged attempt to sink the craft occurred about a fortnight ago in the night time. The submarine cost \$200,000, and was built at Newport News.

CONFERRING ABOUT WAGES

Southern Firemen and Telegraphers See General Manager Ackert.

WASHINGTON, February 24.—Committees of the locomotive firemen and of the railroad telegraphers employed on the Southern Railway had conferences to-day with General Manager Ackert on the general question of a proposed reduction of wages on the system. The conferences were inconclusive, and it was arranged to further discuss the matter at a later time.

Conference in Georgia.

AUGUSTA, GA., February 24.—A conference was held in Savannah to-day between a committee of shopmen from all parts of the system and General Superintendent Moise and Division Superintendent Gaines, of the Central Railroad of Georgia.

A proposed readjustment of the wage scale was discussed, but no conclusion has been announced. It is understood the conference was not satisfactory.

FALSE ENTRIES IN BANK

Lead to Indictment of Bookkeeper and Merchant for Embezzlement.

AUGUSTA, GA., February 24.—A Mason special says: The grand jury to-day returned indictments against Alex. Wachtel and Charles P. Bannan, prominent young men, alleging embezzlement of \$30,000 from the defunct Exchange Bank, out of whose failure also grew criminal charges against Cashier C. M. Orr and President J. W. Cabaniss. Bannan was bookkeeper, and is charged with taking the money from the bank and making false entries. Wachtel, a clothing merchant with a cashing business, is charged with embezzlement started by a mistaken entry crediting Wachtel with \$30,000 too much, and an inducement to allow it to stand.

BLOW AT STANDARD OIL

Decision That Hepburn Act Does Not Repeal Elkins Law May Affect Fine.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 24.—The question whether the railroad rate law known as the Hepburn Act repeals section 1 of the Elkins Act, prohibiting rebates by railroads, was decided to-day by the Supreme Court of the United States against the railroad company, and against the contention of such repeal. The case was instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, which court fined the railroad \$1,000 each for fifteen violations.

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